

**WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES  
May 15, 2006**

The Wesley United Methodist Church Administrative Council met Monday, May 15, 2006 in the Education Building lounge. The meeting was called to order by Nick Strobel, Council Chair, at 5:30 p.m. Pastor Kimberly opened the meeting with a prayer. N. Strobel reviewed the minutes of the April meeting. The minutes were approved with three corrections. The United Methodist Women attended a conference at the ECCO retreat, not Echo. It was Marv Davisson and Phil Maxwell, not Julia Maxwell, who said that auction items needed to be upscaled next year. It was noted that the term visual displays needed to be changed to multi-media in relationship to the recent church gift. Barbara Dethlefson moved that the minutes be approved, David Scott seconded, and there was unanimous approval.

Administrative Council members present: Donna Adams, Caroline Close, Barbara Dethlefson, Pam Hall, Jerry Ludeke, Larry Lonsinger, Phil Maxwell, Anne Scott, David Scott, Dolores Shumate, Nick Strobel, Pastor Kimberly Willis. Council visitors: Jennifer Armantrout, Sherrie Atkins.

**Priority Items:**

May 20 Retreat: Nick Strobel explained that the May 20 retreat would focus on what Wesley is doing well in regard to children and youth and what we'd like to do better. Parents and grandparents of Sunday School children and members of the Education, Membership/Evangelism and Worship committees will be the retreat participants.

Parsonage Repairs: Larry Lonsinger, Trustees Chair, explained that four vendors will be used to do the parsonage repair. The shingles and insulation must be taken off the roof, the roof and attic must be decontaminated, the insulation must be replaced, a new roof must be installed, and the patio roof wood that has rotted must be replaced. Lonsinger said that the costs will total approximately \$16,000. The work will be done during the week of June 14 – 20 when Pastor Kimberly will be at Annual Conference. It was explained that the roof would be a long-term composition guaranteed for 50 years to withstand winds of 80 to 110 miles per hour. Pastor Kimberly explained that she has written a letter to the Kern Mission Extension Society to ask for a grant and loan from the Society. She plans to go to the Thursday Society meeting and present the church proposal. Nick Strobel explained that there is another option in that the church could borrow from the Wesley Building Fund and repay the loan at a higher interest rate than the fund is currently earning. Barbara Dethlefson moved, Anne Scott seconded, and it was unanimously approved to borrow from the Wesley Building Fund and repay the loan with interest if the Kern Mission Society does not provide a grant and/or loan.

“Gloria” Premier: Jerry Ludeke reported that the Gloria is an extremely difficult piece to perform and very moving to sing. She termed it magnificent and urged everyone to come to church Sunday to hear the performance. David Atkins will accompany the choir.

Vacation Church School: Anne Scott, Administrative Coordinator, passed out Vacation Church School materials that she has developed. These included an overview, goals, scripture, and environmental issues that will be addressed. The theme is Caring for God's Earth. She will hold a planning meeting for teachers Saturday, June 3.

July Ice Cream Social and Fireworks Show: Barbara Dethlefsen, Membership/Evangelism Chair, said that the ice cream social and fireworks show for the neighborhood will be co-chaired by Barbara Knowlton and Anne Scott. Ron Saylor has agreed to set off the fireworks, and the event will be held Sunday, July 2, as this is the best day for him. Anne will arrange for two security persons to be present.

Brochure Update: Barbara Dethlefsen explained that Pastor Kimberly is working with Mark and Betsy Ramsey to revise the Wesley brochure. The pictures and information will be updated to reflect what is currently happening at Wesley. There are no plans to do any mass mailings of the brochure. There will be 1,000 to 2,500 brochures ordered. The Membership/Evangelism Committee has money in its budget to pay for the new brochures.

Annual Conference: David Scott and Nick Strobel, Annual Conference Lay Delegates, described the advance information provided for the June Annual Conference. The theme will be "Passion for the Mind of Christ". Each church is requested to take an offering for the West Angola Conference Project and bring the offering to the conference. Pastor Kimberly said that she will arrange for a collection to be taken prior to the conference. The 24 resolutions to be considered include the topics of war, poverty and children. Information about the annual conference may be obtained through a Wesley web link.

**Major Discussion Item:**

Summer Rummage Sale: Phil Maxwell, Missions/Social Concerns Chair, said that his committee will handle the summer rummage sale. He anticipates that it will be held August 5 which is the first Saturday in August. He plans to call Lisa Neath to see if she will chair the sale.

**Follow Up on Past Priority Items:**

April 30 Bells Concert: Sherry Atkins, Bell Choir Director, reported that the April 30 Sunday evening concert was a great success. Enough funds have been donated for members to attend a summer workshop. Nick Strobel has made DVDs of the concert, and they are available for sale. Persons who attended commented that they enjoyed the explanations about the bells that were presented along with the music.

**Committee Reports:**

Education:

Sunday School: Anne Scott explained that this month the children are learning about Holy Communion. The children collected approximately \$100 during Lent, and it is being donated to Jamieson Center to be used for the children there.

Adult Studies: Caroline Close explained that the Wed. night Disciples group has collected \$250 and will donate a water buffalo through Heifer Project. David Scott said

that the Wed. night group will use a new Disciple Study series this fall. The new curriculum is a shortened study lasting 8 to 9 weeks and taking 1 ½ to 2 hours each session. The two curriculums published to date are the Old Testament and the New Testament, and they will be used during the fall and winter. A third curriculum will be selected for the spring. Pastor Kimberly explained that she plans to teach a class based on the Story of Judas.

Endowment Fund: No report.

Finance: No report.

Membership/Evangelism: Barbara Dethlefsen explained that her report already had been given. Jennifer Armantrout said that the Prayers and Squares group is getting teenagers involved. She said that the Monday group would like more people to come and join in making the quilts.

Memorials: No report.

Missions/Social Concerns: Report already given.

Staff Parish: Pastor Kimberly explained that a new chair will be named by the Nominations Committee and will take over July 1. The committee currently is working on selection of an organist/pianist for the fall.

Trustees: Larry Lonsinger said that people are forgetting to turn the coolers off in the Gathering Place and Room 1 when they finish using the rooms. Persons were asked to check the coolers to be sure they were off. It was pointed out that the Gathering Place has several cooler switches in different areas of the building.

United Methodist Women: Jennifer Armantrout, reporting for UMW, said that there will be a UMW general meeting next week. The group plans to invite a missionary to speak at next December's Christmas lunch.

Web Site: Nick Strobel, Webmaster, said that the Outlook and other church information is posted on the web site.

Worship: During the summer a hymn sing will replace the opening praise songs.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Kimberly passed out prototypes of a church business card that she and Sharyn Woods are designing. These will be given to church members to have available to give out to people who may be looking for a church. Pastor Kimberly said that the Nominations Committee will hold a second meeting May 30 to complete the nominations. A Charge Conference will be held Sunday, June 4, to approve the nominations. During the week of June 26 Pastor Kimberly will be planning the summer and fall worship services.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Anne Scott